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MESSAGE: Attached is a response to notice of non-compliant amendment dated 9/20/05.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 10/643,986

Group Art Unit: 1753

Inventor: P. McDonald

Filed: August 20, 2003

Title: METHOD OF TREATING SPUTTERING
TARGET TO REDUCE BURN-IN TIME
AND SPUTTERING TARGET THEREOF
AND APPARATUS THEREOF

Examiner: S. Versteeg

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121

VIA FAX - (571) 273-8300

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated
September 20, 2005. Per the Legal Instruments Examiner, Veronica Augburn, we have
moved the "Remarks" section onto a separate page.

Amendments to the Claims appear on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks appear on Page 6 of this paper.